

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Breck Cooley on winning first place in the Department of Education's Arbor Day poster contest.

WHEREAS, Arbor Day means more than a simple designation of time and place; this day carries with it a desire and purpose to add beauty to our landscape by planting and taking care of trees, which constitute one of the greatest achievements of nature; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Tennessee Department of Education asks students across the state to participate in a poster contest in observance of Arbor Day; more than 1,100 students entered the contest this year with exemplary works expressing what this special day means to each of them; and

WHEREAS, Breck Cooley of Alpha Elementary School in Morristown was the grand first place winner of this year's statewide contest; and

WHEREAS, for his talent and originality, Breck is most deserving of this award; Department of Education officials will travel to Morristown on May 23 to present Breck and his teacher with cash awards; and

WHEREAS, Breck's artwork will now travel to the national contest, where his award-winning poster will compete with others designed by students across the United States; and

WHEREAS, an honor student, Breck transferred to Alpha Elementary from Birmingham, Alabama where he was often recognized for his diverse talents; he won the Young Author's Award in his hometown four years in a row and also won third place in the Alabama State Roller Skating Championship; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, Breck enjoys basketball, swimming, computers and working with younger children; in the future, Breck's laudable goal is to work with handicapped children; and

WHEREAS, Breck's noteworthy achievements are a great source of pride for his parents, Jeffrey and Lisa Cooley, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable young person, Breck is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Breck Cooley upon winning first place in the Department of Education's Arbor Day poster contest and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.